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SUBJECT: FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS

REF: TEL AVIV 372

1. HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH GAMASY LATE THIS AFTERNOON TO INQUIRE ABOUT AIRWAYS, CALL SIGNS, ETC. GAMASY SAID ROUTE WELL KNOWN--IT SHOULD BE PORT SAID-ABU SUWAYR-CAIRO. HE WAS NOT BRIEFED ON CALL SIGNS AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS, BUT UNDERTOOK TO LOOK INTO THIS. (SEEMS TO ME THAT THIS COULD BE WORKED OUT THROUGH ISRAELI ADVANCE TEAM WHICH, ACCORDING GAMASY, IS NOW IN TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH JERUSALEM.)

2. RE HOUSING FOR OFFICIAL DELEGATION, GAMASY SAID THE SEVEN PRINCIPAL MEMBERS OF ISRAELI DELEGATION (INCLUDING WEIZMAN) WILL BE HOUSED IN TAHRA PALACE ITSELF. FOR THE ISRAELI DELEGATION'S BODYGUARDS, THERE IS A SPECIAL VILLA INSIDE THE PALACE COMPOUND. ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE TO HOUSE THE REST OF THE OFFICIAL DELEGATION IN THE AIRPORT HOTEL.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION, GAMASY TOLD ME SOMEWHAT RUEFULLY THAT INSTEAD OF THE TWENTY-FIVE PEOPLE WHOM WE HAD
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INDICATED WOULD ARRIVE ON THIS MORNING'S PLANE (TEL AVIV 343), 55 RPT 55 PEOPLE HAD ARRIVED. THIS INCLUDED TYPISTS, SECRETARIES AND OTHER SUPPORT PERSONNEL. THE UNEXPECTED ARRIVAL OF SO LARGE A GROUP OF PEOPLE HAD INDEED CAUSED HOUSING PROBLEMS. GENERALS GRIDLEY AND SHAWKAT HAD GONE TO THE SCENE AND HAD MADE ARRANGEMENTS AT THE AIRPORT HOTEL. DELEGATION MEMBERS STAYING

AT AIRPORT HOTEL WILL HAVE BREAKFAST THERE, BUT LUNCH AND DINNER AT TAHRA PALACE. IF GOE HAD KNOWN BEFOREHAND THE SIZE OF THE ISRAELI DELEGATION, IT WOULD HAVE SOUGHT TO PUT THEM ALL IN ONE HOTEL. SINCE IT WAS NOT INFORMED IN ADVANCE, THIS IS THE BEST GOE COULD DO.

4. GAMASY DID SEEM SURPRISED AT THE LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ON THE ISRAELI DELEGATION, BUT DID NOT GRUMBLE.

5. ISRAELI PRESS WILL BE PUT UP ON THE SIXTH FLOOR OF SHEPHEARD HOTEL, WHERE THIRTY DOUBLE ROOMS HAVE BEEN RESERVED BY MINWAR. THOSE ROOMS NOT NEEDED WILL BE OCCUPIED BY EGYPTIAN SECURITY PERSONNEL. EILTS

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